

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Chairman, we had a technical issue earlier, and we had reached out to my friend's office. I congratulate your staff. They understood the mechanical issue. It was a procurement timing. It has been taken care of with the amendment to the amendment, and so I want to make sure anyone that is listening, that the concerns that were being brought up from my office have been dealt with.

We now are fully in support of the gentleman's amendment.

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Chairman, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ROGERS).

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Chairman, I rise in support of this amendment, and I am as frustrated as anybody that we are having to be here today.

Secretary Carter has often said, and I agree with him completely, that the nuclear deterrent priority is our number one national security mission. But, unfortunately, that rhetoric has not matched up with the decision on this issue coming from the Secretary's office.

The UH-1N fleet that is used by the Air Force Security Forces for the ICBM field security consist of Vietnam-era helos.

The UH-1N program is a case study in a failed DOD acquisition process:

The first move to replace the helos was in 2004. The Joint Staff validated a military requirement in 2010;

The Air Force canceled the replacement program in 2011;

And the SecDef recently overruled the SecAF in conducting a sole source replacement program, proposing instead a competition in 2018.

Admiral Haney, Commander, USSTRATCOM, stated in February, 2016: "Maintaining the security of our nuclear weapons requires a modern helicopter with sufficient capabilities to counter both today's and future threats. The UH-1N does not fully meet the current ICBM complex security requirements as outlined by DOD and USSTRATCOM."

We have been warned, colleagues. Let me be clear. This is the security of nuclear weapons here at home. There is no higher priority. If we are going down the path of competition, that is fine; but we have no more time to waste.

I want to urge the gentleman's amendment be adopted.

Mr. ZINKE. Mr. Chairman, I would like to say thank you to everyone for working on this bill and doing slight amendments to ensure that we have a fair and open competition but yet not delay the problem.

I think we can all understand that we need to replace the Hueys. The Hueys are inaccurate. They have been inaccurate for a long time. The acquisition process yet again, as we have identified, is broke.

So I thank my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to place this in impor-

tance. Our nuclear weapon and our arsenal needs to be protected. We face an asymmetrical enemy, and ensuring that they are safe at all times is part of what this Congress should be doing.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment, as modified, offered by the gentleman from Montana (Mr. ZINKE).

The amendment, as modified, was agreed to.

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ZINKE) having assumed the chair, Mr. HULTGREN, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 39 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COLE) at 11 o'clock and 51 minutes p.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4909, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

Mr. BYRNE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 114-571) on the resolution (H. Res. 735) providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4974, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2017; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5243, ZIKA RESPONSE APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2016; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. BYRNE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 114-572) on the resolution (H. Res. 736) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4974) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5243) making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, to strengthen public health activities in response to the Zika virus, and for other purposes; and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. CURBELO of Florida (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for today on account of attending a family event in his district.

Mr. LATTA (at the request of Mr. MCCARTHY) for Monday, May 16 on account of the passing of his father.

Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for Monday, May 16, 2016.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 2040 An act. to deter terrorism, provide justice for victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 1523. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 53 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, May 18, 2016, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5355. A letter from the Regulatory Review Group, Commodity Credit Corporation, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) Program; Portable Storage Facilities and Reduced Down Payment for FSFL Microloans (RIN: 0560-AI35) received May 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5356. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Investment and Deposit Activities — Bank Notes (RIN: 3133-AE55) received May 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5357. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pass-Through Share Insurance for Interest on Lawyers Trust Accounts (RIN: 3133-AE49) received May 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5358. A letter from the Associate Bureau Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization [WC Docket No.: 11-42], Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support [WC Docket No.: 09-197], and Connect America Fund [WC Docket No.: 10-90] received May 16, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5359. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Removal of Short Supply License Requirements on Exports of Crude Oil [Docket No.: 160302175-6175-01] (RIN: 0694-AG83) received May 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

5360. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; 2016 Recreational Fishing Seasons for Red Snapper in the Gulf of Mexico [Docket No.: 140818679-5356-02] (RIN: 0648-XE575) received May 13, 2016, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON
PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. MILLER of Florida: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3484. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain leases at the Department of Veterans Affairs West Los Angeles Campus in Los Angeles, California, and for other purposes, with an amendment (Rept. 114-570). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BYRNE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 735. Resolution providing for fur-

ther consideration of the bill (H.R. 4909) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2017 for military activities of the Department of Defense and military construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (Rept. 114-571). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. COLE: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 736. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4974) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5243) making appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, to strengthen public health activities in response to the Zika virus, and for other purposes; and for other purposes; (Rept. 114-572). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. CHABOT, and Mr. NADLER):

H.R. 5258. A bill to require State and local law enforcement agencies to report arrests for offenses that involve driving under the influence to the National Crime Information Center as a condition of receiving the full amount that the State would otherwise receive under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ZINKE (for himself, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. MCKINLEY, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. WESTERMAN, and Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio):

H.R. 5259. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to reestablish the Royalty Policy Committee in order to further a more consultative process with key Federal, State, tribal, environmental, and energy stakeholders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself and Mr. CONYERS):

H.R. 5260. A bill to amend title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to restore the right to individual civil actions in cases involving disparate impact, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LEVIN (for himself, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. PASCRELL, and Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois):

H.R. 5261. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to prevent the avoidance of the rules related to investment of earnings in United States property through corporate expatriation or the use of corporate structures in which the common parent is a foreign corporation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HUDSON (for himself and Mr. RUPPERSBERGER):

H.R. 5262. A bill to eliminate the sunset date for the Veterans Choice Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to expand eligibility for such program, and to extend certain operating hours for pharmacies and medical facilities of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NOLAN (for himself, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mrs. CAPPS, and Mr. DEFAZIO):

H.R. 5263. A bill to require a study on women and lung cancer, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 5264. A bill to expand the uses of certain revolving funds of the Library of Congress and to clarify the authority of the Library of Congress to accept gifts and bequests; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself, Mr. GRAYSON, Ms. LEE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. SWALLOW of California, Mr. HASTINGS, Mr. DESAULNIER, and Mr. McDERMOTT):

H.R. 5265. A bill to amend the Department of Education Organization Act and the Higher Education Act of 1965 to require publication of information relating to religious exemptions to the requirements of title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. DESAULNIER (for himself and Mr. JONES):

H.R. 5266. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that information regarding the deduction of amounts of disability compensation by reason of voluntary separation pay is provided to members of the Armed Forces separating from the Armed Forces; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. FRANKEL of Florida (for herself and Mr. KEATING):

H.R. 5267. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to expand the permissive exclusion from Federal health programs to include certain individuals with prior interest in sanctioned entities and entities affiliated with sanctioned entities and to provide a criminal penalty for the illegal distribution of Medicare, Medicaid, or CHIP beneficiary identification or provider numbers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. McDERMOTT:

H.R. 5268. A bill to provide for improvements to the Welcome to Medicare package, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia:

H.R. 5269. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to criminalize knowingly destroying, without the written consent of each progenitor, a living human embryo created through the process of in vitro fertilization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RUSSELL:

H.R. 5270. A bill to abolish the Marine Mammal Commission and transfer its functions to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. TURNER (for himself and Mr. ALLEN):

H.R. 5271. A bill to reauthorize chapter 40 of title 28, United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FARR:

H.J. Res. 94. A joint resolution conferring honorary citizenship of the United States on